WALKING IN THE FIELDS. BY JOHN HENRY BONER.

- The day is dark-the clouds hang low-A strange funereal silence reigns, Bave the hourse croaking of the crow That on his lustier fellow gains.
- I wander in the fields alone. "Tis peace to hear the soughing pines And the sad minor undertone That runs along the sedgy lines.
- "Tis reace to tread the withered grass, To lean upon the lichened rail. Or skirt the dusky bramble-mass
- Whence whirs the sudden-startled quall-To follow down into the wood
- A darkling path where branches meet, While softly in the solitude The dead leaves rustle at the feet.
- And thus by mystic silence zoned Where none may hear outspoken care, Tis peace to hear one's own voice toned Upon the somber, lonesome air.
- Here where a solitary dark And scraggy locust grimly waves Its ghastly arms, I pause and mark
- Some briar-grown, long-neglected graves. No breeze blows from the leaden sky, And yet there is a saddening sound That lingers like a stifled sigh
- About this plot of sacred ground-Faint, tremulous echo of the sighs That went to heaven when here were laid To rest the folded hands and eyes;
- And over them these mounds were made. Methinks I hear the songs they sung-Old, plaintive hymns-the simple prayer Bo fervent, when the clods were flung
- Upon the coffin lowered there. Here stood the mourners, clad in black-The pallid women weeping low-Then, in the evening silence, back
- To the hushed house they mutely go-The house that stood on yonder hill, Now gone, all gone, save towering high One chimney, which is darkly still
- Outlined against the wintry sky. When summer tolls among her sheaves Here blooms in peace the pale wild rose-Here drift the scarlet autumn leaves, And here in winter drift the snows.
- Here in the spring the blue-bell spires, And lightly o'er the old grave-stones The jay-bird in the bamboo briars Twits at the lorn dove's mournful tones.
- But where are they who mourn these dead-Who circled once that old home hearth? God knows. Their tears may now be shed In different quarters of the earth.

The Tragedy of Mason's (Analostan) Island.

NEAR WASHINGTON, February, 1881.

Written for The National Republican. In the Potomac River, opposite the National Capital, and close to the Virginia shore, lies a small island of sometwenty acres in extent, and which takes the name of "Mason" from its former owner. It is also known as Analostan Is-

Since the war it has been a place of considerable resort for pleasure parties, the mansion and a large paymon erected at a little distance from it affording ample room and accommodations for picnics

execusions, and the like. During the continuance of the great struggle between the North and South the island (then united to the sacred soil of the Old Dominion by a narrow causeway, but which has since been partially destroyed) was occupied by the Government, but the dwelling remained vacant-at least it was tenantless in 1861, and up to the time when the Army of the Potomac embarked for the Peninsula.

There was a deserted appearance about the place when I first knew it, reminding me of various tales of horror over which I had shuddered in my youthful days; but little did I think at that time a deed as dark and terrible as any of which I had read was destined to be perpetrated within its precincts-a deed, too, of which I should be a witness. The fearful scene of nearly twenty years ago has been freshly called to mind by a notice, recently published in one of the leading papers of the day, of the death of the principal actor in the tragedy; and this event having absolved me from the promise exacted at the time, I propose to make the facts public in the hope that, by disposing of my secret,

burden it has for so long a period inflicted upon me. After the first battle of Bull Run the regiment of which I was a member did garrison and guard duty upon the Virginia side of the Potomac, directly opposite the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

I may, at least to some extent, relieve myself of the

I was at that time a sergeant, and, as it happened, was frequently in charge of the guard stationed at the upper end of the island, where it was joined to the causeway already mentioned. The post was an important one on account of its

being immediately at the landing of the rope-ferry which did duty until the steamboat Tallaca furnished a more convenient means for transportation to and from the city, and the detail never comprised less than a dozen men. The ferry-house close by was used for guard-

quarters, as well as for the accommodation of the boat-hands, who were civilians.

The Mason House, as old Washingtonians and all who were members of the Potomac army will know, stood, as it yet stands, but a short distance from the causeway, from which it is, or was, seornamental trees, and its appearance is, I presume, pretty much the same now that it was on a certain memorable night in the first year of the war. Shortly after crossing into Virginia I had taken

occasion to explore the mansion, and a queer old house it seemed to me. The rooms upon and above the ground floor

were cut up into curious little nooks and corners, with cupboards and dark recesses scattered about in the most unexpected localities. The basement, or, more properly, cellar, was divided by heavy walls of solid masonry into numerous dungeonlike compartments, lighted from without through narrow, heavily-barred openings, the tops of tal agony. which were scarcely above the level of the grounds surrounding the building. Communication between the cells and with the outer world and enormous strength, supplied with locks and ing over the prostrate body of one of the villains and immovable.

Those claiming to be well posted in the history of the place maintained that in former years the

much the appearance of a prison. As already stated, I was frequently stationed at in the brigade from which the detail for guard duty was made up, headquarters being located at or near Hall's Hill, my own regimental headquarters near Fort Corcoran. The Licutenant was generally an ugly knife wound in the youth's left breast. accompanied on his rounds by a youth of aptwo persons could be more unlike. The Lieutenant was a well-developed and stalwart specimen of work. She was dead. manhood, with a blonde complexion, light-brown hair, and rogulsh, twinkling eyes, which were al- heart, I laid the unfortunate creature down, and, ways upon the lookout for something to laugh at, beside which he had a frank, hearty manner of tenant outside, where he soon revived. meeting folk that was continually making new

acquaintances and winning him new friends. His companion, on the contrary, was quite small for one of his apparent age, even, with dark curly hair shading features perfectly regular, yet inclined to thinness, of the brunette order; and such eyes! the leap of a panther. Walking to the side of one | Coral is said to be coming in. No one ever succeeded in getting near enough to of the villains, lying prostrate and helpless upon them, save the Lieutenant himself, to determine the earth, he brought the heel of his boot down in their color, but the judgment generally rendered part of August preceding, when he first made his lowing close behind. He took the dead form in appearance in our midst.

20th or 21st of October, and during the night suc- spurning my proffered assistance, bore her out beeeeding that event the greatest confusion pre- neath the stars and laid her tenderly down upon vailed. All the troops that could be spared from the grass, not far removed from her murderers. the fortifications were ordered up in the direction | Then he flung himself down by her side and wept of Chain Bridge, and those upon guard, myself in- as strong men seldom do. cluded, were forced to remain on duty for more

came to me at the ferry landing, stating that he at the sound of my voice like one suddenly awakhad been ordered out with his regiment, and was ened from sleep. to start at once, and requested me to so inform his brother when he should arrive next morning from the city, whither he had gone the day previous on business. He also suggested that his brother should recross to Washington, and there remain at their "old stopping-place" until the return of the work must remain a secret with ourselves, and- of pure petroleum, the ordinary oil not being used, there has been a slow but sure revolution in pubtroops: Receiving my promise to see his wishes

The next day I was much occupied by the

sure, I interrogated the man stationed at the wharf, and who examined the passes in my absence, and he corroborated my belief. Supposing that the youth had entered Virginia,

gave the subject no further thought. The next evening Lieutenant G.'s regiment returned to camp, and he immediately sought me | the river, keeping near the centre of the stream. out (I was still on duty at the ferry); and upon and observing the utmost caution in order to avoid learning that his brother was yet in the city, im- detection. mediately crossed over.

then went to the post on the Aqueduct, thence to rest of us followed and lifted out the prisoners. Long Bridge, and about three a. m. returned to me, looking so haggard and broken down that I scarcely

recognized him. About nine a. m. I was relieved from duty, and,

pass to the city for forty-eight hours. We immediately crossed by way of the Aqueduct, and, beginning in Georgetown, entered upon a out under such tragic circumstances. most exhaustive search for the missing one. We

temporarily put up. every step, but without avail, until we had nearly | kill you! Stand back, I say!" reached the foot of Twenty-sixth street. We had and a boy, put off from the grounds south of the upon landing. Observatory toward the Virginia shore. His de-

Our informant was evidently concealing somelieutenant threatened to put him under arrest and | the boat, hastened from the seene, reaching our take him to the provost-marshal as a suspicious | quarters about daylight. character. Thereupon he admitted having ocand offered five dollars for the use of his boat an | nothing. hour. This he resused, unless he could go with it. The occurrence had begun to die out of mind Then they offered ten, and as the boat was an old it down opposite the Observatory, where he found dicated. Neither the men nor boat had returned.

the boy was. But why was he in such company? After these details we hastened to the ferry and embarked without delay. When about half way across I caught a gleam of light, which seemed to near the centre of the island, not far from where come from the basement of the old Mason House, and called my companion's attention to it. At first he thought it might be a lantern, but as we had sucthe trees and shrubbery we finally convinced our-

selves that my first conclusion was right. Upon landing, I proposed that we investigate the matter. My familiarity with the habits of those whose duties took them into that neighborhood, added to the fact that there were stringent orders against trespassing upon the property, led me to believe all was not as it should be.

At first the Lieutenant demurred, but, finally aceeding to my wish, we passed down the carriage on, found that the light came from a small window on the side nearest the river, and which opened into one of the largest of the dungeon-like apartments in the cellar. From the interior came the murmur of voices.

Falling upon our hands and knees, we crept up until we could look through the cracks between the boards partially covering the window, and gazed within.

Had it not been for my hand placed hastily, and I fear rather heavily, over my companion's mouth he would have cried aloud, and I must confess that it required all of my self-control to keep from uttering an exclamation of horror at what we saw. In the further corner of the dungeon, partly reclining upon a pile of army blankets, lay the one for whom all Washington had been searched through and through. His hands were bound fast, and a short piece of wood, wrapped with canvas, was held firmly between his distended jaws by cords, preventing any successful attempt at outcry. There was a wild, pleading look in his eyes, coupled with a settled expression of horror, which it seemed to me must have moved the heart of even the most relentless sayage. His face was pale as the face of a corpse, and there were marks of violence visible upon it, giving fearful evidence of most

brutal treatment. In front of him, at about the centre of the cell. around a box, upon which burned two tallow dips were seated four men, or beings having the forms of men, playing cards. A black bottle stood near at hand, from which each in turn helped himself I heard the click of the lock as the Lieutenant

cocked his revolver, and was just in time to prevent him from shooting the miscreants, or one of them at least. My next step was to withdraw him, almost by main force, from the scene. When we had retired a short distance a hurried consultation was held, and it was decided that an effort should be made to capture the gang.

I went to the guard-house and easily procured the services of the men off duty, and led them back to the mansion, posting a sentinel wherever there cured from view by a vigorous growth of shade and was necessity for so doing, in order to prevent an

The Lieutenant with the remainder of our force passed around to the rear, where there was an outside entrance to the cellar, prepared to arrest any who might attempt to flee by that route; or, if necessary, to break in the door and gain admission to the interior. I resumed my station at the window, and, when satisfied every arrangement for bed curtains. had been made, called out: "You are surrounded; yield yourselves prisoners or you will be fired upon." In an instant the lights were extinguished, and the next moment I heard a deep groan and a gurgling, half-suppressed cry of mor-

There was a confused rush toward the back of was cut off by oaken doors of massive construction | and when I reached the Lieutenant he was bendbolts, but which from long disuse had grown rusty | clutching his throat with what would have proved a death grip had I not interposed.

All four of the rascals were now securely fastened (one of them had been bayoneted through cellar had been used for wine and coal vaults and the body in his endeavor to escape and died in a other general purposes, but to me it presented very | few minutes), and our next thought was of their victim.

and the Aqueduct Bridge), and it nearly as often who was close beside me, gave one bound to the be more popular than the Laugtry shawl. happened that the officer of the guard would | side of his brother, who was lying back upon the chance to be Lieutenant G--, of another regiment | blankets, and took him in his arms. Then he became senseless. I hastened to his side and unlocked his arms from the slender form, and as I did so saw for the first time what appeared to be Hastily tearing open the garments to discover parently not more than sixteen or seventeen years | the extent of the injury, I made another discovery,

of age, and whom he introduced, whenever an in- which sent a thrill through every fibre of my woman. But the cruel knife had too well done its Gathering the bloody clothing over the pulseless

> calling in one of the men to help, bore the Lieu-"Lulu! Lulu! Oh, God!" he moaned. "Dead!

strength than a child.

his face, crushing the features out of all semblance was that they were a rich, dark brown. There was of humanity. Before I could intervene he had it square in the neck, filling the opening with a shy, retiring disposition manifested by their reached the second, who, turning his head just in owner that prevented any advances toward an in- time, received the iron-shod heel upon the cheek, timate acquaintance being attempted, and hence | which was laid open to the bone by the glancing it came about that we knew as little of the Lieu- blow. Then, giving way to another fit of tenant's brother in October as we had in the early | weeping, the Lieutenant entered the cellar, I folhis arms, removed the cruel gag, kissed the swollen The battle of Ball's Bluff was fought upon the lips, the ashen cheeks, the dark curly hair, and,

After some little time I went to him, laid a hand upon his shoulder, saying; "Lieutenant, what are About midnight, or shortly after, Lieutenant G. | we to do with these men?" He sprang to his feet

"Yes, it is time for vengeance," he grated out between his set teeth; "I am ready." "But what do you intend doing?" I queried,

be whispered of what has transpired."

myself that his brother had not come over. To make | the island to the northward of the mansion. Still acting under the Lieutenant's instructions, the prisoners, including the body of the one that had been slain, were borne down and placed in the yawl, and the lieutenant himself soon followed,

bearing their victim. if at all, by way of the Aqueduct or Long Bridge, I I brought up the rear. When all were embarked the soldiers took the oars and pulled steadily up

Passing under the aqueduct, we struck over to-In about two hours he returned in a high state | ward the Virginia shore and kept on our course of excitement, with the information that his until we reached the rapids just below Chain brother had left for camp the morning previous, Bridge. There we ran the boat into a small seand had not since been seen by any of his acquaint- | questered cove on the south side of the river, and made a landing. The Lieutenant was the first to He questioned myself and the men closely, and step ashore with his ghastly load, after which the The darkness was intense, but by the aid of an

occasional match we succeeded in groping our way up to the base of an overhanging cliff of rocks, and there, with our bands and the bayonets of the through the agency of the Lieutenant, secured a | two soldiers, we at length managed to dig a shallow grave, well above high-water mark, in which we buried the poor creature whose life had gone The sad duty accomplished, the Lieutenant, who

visited every known place of resort, inquired at had thus far spoken scarcely a word since leaving the provost marshal's office, of the guards sta- the island, advanced to one of the prisoners and, tioned throughout the two cities, of every soldier | before I had time to interfere or utter a word, placed we met, and of citizens most likely to have ob- his revolver against the man's head and pulled the served the young man, but no trace could we ob- trigger. I sprang forward and caught the hand tain of him after he left the hotel where he had | holding the weapon, but it was wrenched from my grasp with such force as to nearly throw me over On my way back we began at the Arsenal and | backward into the water. "Stand back! stand followed along the wharves, making inquiries at | back!" cried the Lieutenant, "or by Heaven I'll

I called upon the two men to assist me in disjust passed the Naval Observatory when we en- | arming the madman, as he seemed to be; but becountered a contraband, who, in answer to our | fore we could gather around him two more pistol questioning, informed us that the evening before | shots rang out upon the night air, and there were he had seen a small boat, containing three men | four corpses where there had been but one "Now help me dispose of this carrion," said the

scription of the boy tallied exactly with that of Lieutenant, in a strangely altered voice. "Into the river with it." We loaded the bodies down with rocks and sunk thing, and to make him tell us all he knew the | them in the deep water of the cove, and entering

casionally done a little business with the soldiers | witnessed the first act of the tragedy, were anxious on the sly by taking over whisky and other good to know the ending, but we were dumb. Rumors things in his boat; that the evening previous, of the affair reached headquarters, and we were when it was quite dark, two men had come to him | ordered up and closely interrogated, but divulged

somewhat, when the heavy freshet succeeding the one at the best, he let them have it, himself taking | Ball's Bluff affair brought many dead bodies down upon its turbid tide. One day I was on the island the two who had hired it with the two others in- in command of a squad engaged in retrieving the corpses from the water. One caught upon the One of the men lit his pipe before starting, and | ferry-rope and I went out with a boat to bring it by light of the match he was enabled to gather | in. As the line was being made fast to the body the description which he had given us of the the face came uppermost and I recognized one of Lieutenant's brother, as we were now convinced the victims who fell beneath the Lieutenant's talks about a policeman with a club to keep the avenging bullets. That same evening two others came floating by,

the crime for which they suffered had been committed. I soon lost sight of the Lieutenant altogether, he cessive glimpses of it through gaps in the foliage of going up the Valley with Shields, I to the Peninsula. Before we separated I approached him on several occasions with a view to discovering a key bewitching. If Mr. Tennyson had known the to the mystery enveloping the affair in which I

were dragged to land, and all three were buried

did not east off her right to either when she east off her woman's garments." He would make no could not conceive what led his companion into the association which proved so fatal, nor could I. Tome it was a mysterious affair throughout, and remains so to this day. My belief is that the unfortunate woman was the Lieutenant's wife. I can give no reason for thinking such to be the case further than this: One day I came upon him suddenly and unexpectedly. He was in the guard-tent waiting for Grand rounds. I entered to notify him that the men were ready, and found him sitting, his elbows on the table, his head supported by his hands, and lying open before him a letter, the writing that of a woman. I barely noticed the to "My Dear Husband."

Upon becoming aware of my presence, he quickly folded up the missive and placed it in an inner pocket, over his heart. Within a week we Now that he is dead I am, if anything, more than ever inclined to cast over his

parted never to meet again. memory the mantle of that charity which believeth no evil; and yet in this narrative have simply given the outline of facts which brought us two together in one of the most thrilling episodes of a not uneventful life-an episode, too, which helps to prove the old saying that "truth is often stranger than fiction,"

FASHION'S FANCIES.

-The Joan d'Arc bodice is now a favorite style of corsage in Paris. -Sleeves are growing more expensive, both at the top and above the wrist.

-Boston has been inspired with the 'cute idea of a "present reception" the day before | shoe is no longer to be hid under a bushel but is to | as Lady Tearle. the wedding.

-The graceful tarantula has appeared in fancy jewelry, and next may be expected the illuminated in spots, is very satisfactory, and aftern oon. She was supported by Mr. Thorne and wicked flea.

of ear-rings that do not match-one, for instance, being a sapphire and the other a ruby. -Painted lace is coming into favor for curtains in rooms where there is not a strong light. It is very elegant, but also very expensive. -It is said that certain leaders of

cotton cretonne, with large flowers like that used seems boyish, frank, and good-natured, the breadth -Japanese kettledrums, with Japanese decorations, and young ladies in Japanese dress, are in London a present whim, which it is not improbable will cross the ocean before long.

-The flower passementeries are made of beads of all the colors in the leaf and flower, mitted to do so by Judge-Advocate Gardner. the house, succeeded by a few heavy blows, a and are made to represent daisies, tulips, and all More copies were, however, ordered by the court, this season, is a young artist, only twenty-three short, sharp struggle, curses, groans, a thud, a fall, graceful drooping flowers, such as lilies, fuchsias, one of the military gentlemen remarking that "no and the like.

> cloths, both equal to the best imported, are among the things that make a patriotic American proud of his native land. —The Jersey Lily's name has been be-

Groping my way inside, I struck a match and cloth, and for a breakfast, or for a light wrap in that at these interviews every one of them knew the ferry landing (alternating between that post | relit one of the candles. As I did so the Lieutenant, | the carriage or at the seaside, nothing is likely to | that he was a detective employed on this special -A black scarf, some people think, car-

ries an air of respect, which is in itself protection, and a woman thus attired, it has been said, glides and trim, seeking no encounter, but prepared for principles." It is becoming more and more haz--Moire is decidedly taking rank among

the handsome fabrics for dressy toilets. It is worn | age restaurants is a definsion and a snare, but the troduction became necessary, as his brother. No being. The Lieutenaut's supposed brother was a not only in its original state, but is also combined with plain satin. It is often used for trimming daily greater and greater. Talk of the vicissitudes expected to be an absolute perfection of chorus dresses of plain woolen materials, as well as in conjunction with richer fabries. -The latest freak in jewelry is to wear

dead!" He seemed for several minutes completely | broad and half an inch thick. Insect jewelry holds overcome by his great grief and with no more its popularity, and new designs in beasts' heads, each more hideous than its predecessor, are brought Suddenly he aroused and sprang to his feet with out daily. Cat's-eye brooches are in high favor.

-A new and tasteful fashion for alteramenting a plain bodice waist is to cut chemisettes of various colors and materials. With toilets of black Spanish net, gathered full from the edges of the pompadour to a frill about the neck, is very effective. The upper part of the frill is dog collar of velvet and jet, to hold the standing ruffle in place. Where the dress is of some light or neutral color the toilet may be brightened by wearing chemisettes of pale blue, mauve or rose-colored Surah, shirred or laid in fine pleating. Cream white lace edges, the upper frills of these chemisettes and treble strings of Roman pearls are fastened work is sometimes preferred.

around the outside. A dog collar of silver filigree In a communication to the Gazette des

GOTHAM GLANCES.

THE LATEST NEW YORK GOSSIP.

Stewart's House-The Stores and Show Windows Dress Novelties-Electric Lights-The Whittaker Case-New York Thugs-Is it Safe to Live There?

pecial to The Republican.

New York, March 18.-Spring has ome. You may be surprised at this poetic announcement and wonder how I found it outwhether I have interviewed the earliest robbin or gathered violets in Broadway. I have done neither; I have not even visited our park, which Senator Astor insists must be kept for the purposes of a park, and on no account used for the exposition. The infallible calendar which I have consulted is to be found only in the windows of our great dry-goods stores, which, during the last few days, have blossomed out with prints and muslins, ummer silks, and spring wraps. The old house of A. T. Stewart, for so many years the headquarters for shoppers at home and abroad, strange to say, begins to show the influence of sentiment over trade. When the Woman's Hotel proved such a complete fizzle, a great many women resolved that they would not patronize the store. The owners smiled at the threat, fully convinced that custom would come where the goods were kept. But gradually THE INFLUENCE OF THE THESAT

begins to be felt. The store is often full; but it is a matter of general remark that it no longer presents the appearance of a thronged emporium, which it once did. The windows at McCreery's are the most noticeable in the city. Talk of primrose beds and violet banks! Here are flowers from every clime and of every hue; there are daffodils and jonquils, roses and fuschias, violets and daisies, ferns and grasses, and tropical branches of palms. One Sunday afternoon last winter an explosion was heard, which people in the vicinity of Mc-Creery's thought was a small earthquake. One of the furnaces in the cellar had burst, and among other damage it did it blew out these radiant win-Our comrades of the night previous, who had dows. But it made no difference with the spring flowers. There are new windows there now, as full of blossoms as ever.

WALKING ON UP BROADWAY you pass a number of stores of more or less fame till you come to Arnold's, where there are no special show-windows, but where the display inside is unexcelled by anything in the city. There is an especial clientele of old New York families belonging to this establishment, many of whom, I dare say, do not enter any other dry goods store a half a dozen times during the year. At Lord & Taylor's, on the next block, there is just now a hand-painted white satin dress in one of the windows, which attracts throngs of people. Mr. Lord sidewalk clear. These names are land-marks to the shoppers; for years they have been conned over and over in connection with clegant goods and recherche toilettes. But now new names appear which at least dispute their supremacy. of April. Happening in at Stern Bros, at an informal opening of several boxes of imported goods, I saw the delicate French confections from Worth and from Grange Magentis, which are so bewildering and modern young lady he would not have said that had played an unwilling part, but could get no her thoughts turned to

"It is nobody's business but my own," he would time. No, you can see how it is yourself in any reply. "You may rest assured, however, that she bright afternoon, you can see how they throng was worthy of any man's love and respect. She such an emporium, and how their minds are absorbed in the spring openings. Grays or drabs, with a tint of rose-color in bows or in cord and a run as "Hazel Kirke." further explanation. One thing seemed to puzzle tassel, is one of the favorite combinations. With drive underneath the overhanging trees, and, him as much as the whole matter did myself. He this is worn a little gray bonnet of silk. With trimmings of lace, covered with cut steel beads, and a cluster of rose-colored ostrich tips. You occasionally see flowers in the windows of milliners or modistes, but very few of them are worn. The key-note for the fashions of the coming season is only silver with pink, or silver with blue, but gold with blue or mauve. Bunchiness is the leading characteristic in the novelties for spring wraps. They are puckered on the shoulders. The large, loose sleeves of the dolmans are shirred and fin- actress, but who has been in Australia, will shortly ished with loopings of satin ribbon, and they are shirred down the back. Are they pretty? Very. Francisco. caption. It was dated July 30, 1861, and addressed They are quaint, old-fashioned, and withal grace-

I SAW ONE GRAY SUIT

less than \$20 in price, that was quite a marked example of the antique, and at the same time a dressy and pretty style. The short skirt was quite full, finished at the bottom with a box-pleating. and above it a cluster of five tucks; there was a worn to advantage by an ungainly or an ungraceful figure; on the contrary, an erect carriage and elegant figure are really essential. If one must be angular in their movements it is better to wear a straight outlined English sacque, or even a mealbag pattern. Edison has at last turned business man He is to be found in his transformed shape at 65 Fifth avenue, and in his shining beaver and clothes of fashionable cut he presents a very different appearance from the well-known wizzard of Menlo Park. He announces his work as complete, his experiments finished, and the incandescent horse- 31. One of the attractions will be Miss Sara Jewett light the world.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS of the Brush patent, with which the city is already quite puts the old-fashioned yellow gaslights out | several others who shared in the success which at--The latest Paris freak is the wearing of countenance. I went into the Army Building tended this play on its first production. the other day, where the Whittaker case is now being tried by a military tribunal. The court displays a great quantity of brass buttons and gilded epaulettes, and are most of them large men-at least in a physical sense. Whittaker was dressed in the West Point gray cadet uniform. He is very pale, tan rather than black, and his closely-cut fashion in Paris intend to wear dresses made of hair shows but little tendency to kink. His face cation, physiognomists say, of candor and openness and characteristics opposed to craft and Mme. Sembrich is already Patti's equal and desside of the building, and had not yet been per--American fringes, with silk tassels of this case." But it seems that this truth lies at and chenille headings and American Turcoman | the bottom of a very deep well, and the proceedployed in the case was, to say the least, very amusing. He said that IN WORKING UP THE CASE

stowed on a novelty made of French chuddah he interviewed a large number of the cadets, and case. The question was asked if detective service to a close, will be the grand New York festival was usually conducted in this way. He admitted given in the Seventh armory building during the that it was not generally so conducted. "Then," said one of the members of the court facetiously, on her way like a small, close-reefed vessel, light "this case was worked up on truly gentlemanly ardous to live in New York. It is not only that malaria confronts us even on Fifth avenue or Broadway, or that the food furnished in the averactual dangers which encompass us are growing of life or travel on the frontier, or the perils of singing. The sale of tickets for the festival begins crossing the ocean, why I was recently wrecked in | next week. A single admission, with a reserved a Broadway omnibus, and saw two gentlemen in seat for the entire season, costs \$10. For any one a great number of bangles on one arm, with dan- the nobbiest spring attire thrown from the front concert the charge is \$1 in the evening and fifty gling and rattling charms of various kinds, and on | platform of a street-car as it was going around a the other arm a plain band, sometimes three inches | curve. Yesterday Mrs. Eva A. Kinney, in one of | pay the metropolis a yearly visit ought to arrange our police courts, brought a suit against two pick- to hear the May festival. pockets, who, by jostling, pushing, and blowing tobacco-smoke in her face while she was getting off one of the street-cars, succeeded in taking her pocket-book, containing \$40.95. Last week a lady went to a drug store at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and Broadway, where she made a few purchases and then started to go to her home, hardly two blocks away, on Thirtieth street. It was not | Academy that wormwood proves remarkble effecyet eight o'clock in the evening, and she was tive as an insectifuge, driving away every kind of within a few doors of her own home, when she was assailed by six men, who attempted TO GARROTE AND ROB HER. was first applied in read-making in 1849 by M.

edged with Spanish lace, and over this is placed a She, however, succeeded in freeing her neck from the arm of her assailant, and called so loudly Merian, a Swiss engineer. In 1854 it was first tried for help that the thieves became frightened and fled. There ought to be the power in New York to protect not only women, but men from such outrages. It is in many respects the city which most truly reprsents American life, thoroughly metropolitan and cosmopolitan. There is more social freedom here than elsewhere, and especially there is more opportunities than usual for women at work, They enter fairly many fields of competitive labor and meet with a good share of success. These Hospiteaux Dr. Moubre gives his experience of women at work have a right to demand of the petroleum capsules in simple and chronic bron- city government that they shall be protected of chitis. This balsamic had been brought before the streets day and night. If the police force is not the Therapeutical Society by Dr. Blache a year ago effective there is power and money enough to at the suggestion of a Paris chemist, who named it | make it so. The women have done their part in "Shall I turn the prisoners over to the guard?" Gabian oil, in order to prevent public prejudice. ordering their conduct with so much dignity, and to render it fit for lighting purposes. It is stated | ladies going not only in the streets, but to places throngs of troops, citizens, and teams crossing the back to quarters all but two, upon whom I knew have been freely ordered for chronic bronchitis, a right to enjoy the opera or theatre "unprotected" ferry, and it was not until evening that I remem- reliance could be placed, and these were dispatched rapid diminution of the secretion and of fits of is now unquestioned and uncommented upon, bered my pledg: to the Lieutenant; and then, after a small boat kept by the ferrymen for use on coughing has been observed, and in tuberculosis and her individual purse, which she fills by her when I come to think of the matter, soon satisfied occraion, and which was soon moored at the edge of also the medicine has given encouraging results. I own earnings, inclines her to exercise this privi- bers, eight pounds to each cubic foot.

lege. She now only wants the rights which any citizen may demand-that our thoroughfares shall be safe. A popular and prominent clergyman in the Roman Catholic Church said to me not long ago that he was glad to see that the working-girls were cultivating a spirit of self-dependence in regard to the matter of going, either for business or amusement, without an escort, for in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the girls were safer without than with one, and he was glad to see that the fashion of going "unprotected," as it was called, was indorsed by the ladies in high social position.

THERE ARE CONSTANT MUTTERINGS of a fight against monopoly, and in the meantime railroads everywhere are consolidating. The the Roman Catholic Church said to me not long ago

railroads everywhere are consolidating. The latest rumor is that the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul, the Chicago and Northwestern, and the Northern Pacific have joined hands. I met Mr. A. V. H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, the general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul, on Broadway last week. He was not ready to say that the rumor was true; but he shook his head good naturedly when I told him that we, the people, would don our armor and do battle against these railroad giants. I find that Mr. Carpenter is as popular in New York as in Wisconsin, which is saying a great deal for him, as no one is better known or better liked there. Not only does he do known or better liked there. Not only does he do his technical work exceedingly well, but he also writes very clever essays, as can be proved by many of our popular journals. But while I cannot help approving of Mr. Carpenter as a gentleman and a scholar, I must protest against his joining a railroad conspiracy.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Lotta is kicking up her heels in Chi-George S. Knight's combination is Central Ohio.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons is playing in the Pennsylvania circuit. John Stetson may, perhaps, manage Booth's Theatre next season.

Olive Logan lectures in Philadelphia upon "The American Abroad." Dion Boucicault commences an engage

nent at Niblo's Garden April 14. Mr. William Carleton and Henry Peakes ave joined an "Olivette" troupe. Miss Annie Louise Cary has made

lecided success as Pierotto in "Linda."

"Hazel Kirke" is to be produced at the California Theatre, San Francisco, in June. Mr. and Mrs. Mc Kee Rankin commence an engagement in Chicago on Sunday night. Dion Boucicault has been administer-

ing a large-sized dose of taffy to Clara Morris. Fannie Davenport, "My Partner," Willie Edouin's "Sparks," and the Harrisons 'Photos," are in Chicago this week. Von Suppe's new opera, entitled

Donna Juanita," will be produced at Haverly's Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, in May. Joe Emmet declares and swears that he has now stopped good. It is to be hoped he has for his own good. He sails for Europe the last

Mr. John Raymond, in "Fresh, the American," continues to convulse the large gatherings which attend its performances at the New York Park Theatre. John McCullough's engagement at the Drury Lane Theatre, London, is limited to four

Virginius and Brutus, Steele Mackaye is to build a bigger and a better theatre than the Madison Square, and exneets to present a play which will have as extended

weeks, and he will play only two parts there-

Mr. Haverly has purchased the exclusive right to the comedy entitled "The Strategists," and will soon put it on the road, with a good company, playing west to California. Edgar Fawcett's play, "Sixes and

Sevens," which failed in Boston, has been remetalic-bimetallic one might say, for it is not written and reconstructed, and will be given another trial-probably at the Bijou Theatre, New Miss Josie Gougenheim, who is very kindly remembered as a dashing and sprightly

> return to this country, appearing first in San Marie Van Zandt appears to be the coming prima donna in Europe, as, including Ambroise Thomas, no less than six composers are writing works in the principal roles of which she

The "Magic Flute" will be revived by

the Mapleson Opera Company at the New York gathered bodice belied at the waist, and with it | Academy of Music next week. Gerster sung the was worn the dolman I have described. But it is part of Rosina in the "Barber of Seville," introa mistaken notion that such a garment can be ducing variations on the "Carnival of Venice." "Sir." said a vainglorious actor to Charles Kean at the Brighton Theatre during a rehearsal, "you need not trouble yourself about

is intended to appear.

me; I know the play backward." "Probably you do," was the reply; "but that is not the way I A performance for the benefit of the Twenty-five Cent Provident Dispensary for Working Girls, in New York, to aid in erecting a new building, will be given at Booth's Theatre March

The first performance of "Conscience by Miss Clara Morris at her special matinees in the Union Square Theatre occurred Thursday The Strakosch-Hess English Opera

troupe having come to an end, Marie Roze joins the Mapleson troupe at the Academy of Music. New York, and will appear in "Mignon" on Wednesday of next week. During the season Marie Roze will appear in various dramatie parts Mme. Sembrich is to appear in London this season with Adelina Patti. A great interest is between the eyes being quite remarkable, an indi- | felt hearing these two divas in close proximity, as there are a number of critics who believe that

scheming. The question of interest was to obtain | tined to attain greater fame in the future. Mr. photographic copies of the threatening letter. Ex- | Gye now controls the two most famous vocalists Governor Chandler wanted to examine them out- in the world-an expensive privilege, however. Jeno Hubay, the violinist, who is the chief attraction at Pardeloup's concerts in Paris years of age, and is a Hungarian by birth. His matter if it cost \$100,000, we want to get at the facts father was the leader of the orchestra at Buda-Pesth and teacher of the violin. Young Hubay studied first with his father; then, when fourteen years ings so far have not succeeded in fishing much of old, with Joachim, in Berlin. In 1878 he went to it out. The testimony of one of the detectives emsince been before the public as a professional. His

playing is pronounced remarkably good, and great triumphs are in store for him, his teachers predict. The next musical event in the country, now that the Cincinnati festival has been brought month of May. There are to be seven performances four in the evening and three in the afternoon, and at these the best choral and orchestral works are to be given. The first concert takes place Tuesday evening, May 3, when Handel's "Dettingen Te Deum," and Rubenstein's "Tower of Babel" are to be presented. The chorus for the festival, numbering about one thousand voices, has been drilling in sections all during the winter, and the result is cents in the afternoon. Those of our readers who SCIENTIFIC SCINTILATIONS.

As ozone when about to condense has

a blue tint, M. Chappins thinks that the azure of the sky may be due to ozone in the upper air. M. Poirot recently stated to the French insects, as well as rattlesnakes and other serpents. Asphalte is considered by M. Leon Male

as chalk strongly impregnated with bitumen. It

in Paris in the Rue Bergere. During a late storm at San Jose, Cal. strange thing happened. The trees in that vicinity were covered with lizards, and some were also found lodged in the branches and stuck on the ends of lately-cut limbs of trees. The lizards

varied from two to four inches in length. A new method of reproducing photographs in colors on china will, it is predicted completely revolutionize that art. By the new process a dinner-plate can be converted into a veritable work of art at a slight expense-not one-

twentieth of the cost by the plan of hand-painting Signor G. Bignami Sormani, of Milan has found that the density of snow at the time of "No, no," he hastily responded. "This night's | Each capsule contains twenty-five centigrammes | at the same time with so much common sense, that | falling varies remarkably. During his observations he has found snow so dense that it weighed call up the men and instruct them that not a word as it has to be distilled in contact with sulphuric acid lie sentiment in regard to the entire propriety of over thirty pounds to the cubic foot, being nearly half as heavy as water, while the lightest snow I did as he commanded, and, at his request, sent | that at the Hospital Beaujon, where these capsules | of amusement without | gentleman escort. Her | weighed by him showed but a trifle more than two and a half pounds per cubic foot. It is assumed that the density of new-fallen snow is ordinarily about one-eighth that of water, or, in round num

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